

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Victims Fund

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1.0 Executive Summary

In October 2014, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) took on responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime to help them cope and recover.

For the financial year 2017/18 the PCC was allocated £1,370,103 by the Ministry of Justice for the commissioning and/or provision of emotional and practical support services for victims' of crime.

In accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Commissioning Strategy, a proportion of this funding is set aside at the start of the financial year to support a number of 'core services'. A proportion of funding is also made available to support ad-hoc projects and initiatives and on this basis the PCC has agreed to the following funding request:

2.0 Agreed funding

Surrey Police CSE Training: £3,000

Child sexual exploitation is a crime with devastating and long lasting consequences for its victims and their families. Childhoods and family life can be ruined and this is compounded when victims, or those at risk of abuse, do not receive appropriate, immediate and on-going support. The first response to children, and support for them to access help, must be the best it can be from police and other agencies.

Surrey Police is working with the University of Bedfordshire to provide training for 60 Child Sexual Exploitation investigators, with a particular focus on consent and changes to legislation and the investigative implications. The Learning and Development Department has agreed to provide £3,000 of funding, with the PCC providing a further £3,000 to ensure that training can be made available to both dedicated CSE teams and other key staff from the CAU and POLIT.

3.0 Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendations as detailed in **Section 2.0** of this report.

Signature:



Date: 28/07/2017

(All decisions must be added to the decision register)

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with appropriate lead officers depending on the application. All applications have been asked to supply evidence of any consultation and community engagement.

Financial implications

All applications have been asked to supply accurate financial information including the total costs of the project with breakdown where the money will be spent; any additional funding secured or applied for and plans for on-going funding.

Legal

Legal advice is taken on an application by application basis, although this was not required in this instance.

Risks

No risks identified.

Equality and diversity

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate equality and diversity information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Equality Act 2010

Risks to human rights

Each application will be requested to supply appropriate human rights information as part of the monitoring requirements. All applicants are expected to adhere to the Human Rights Act.

Data protection and safeguarding

Applicants must comply with the current national and local legal framework with regard adult and child safeguarding, information sharing, and data protection including compliance with Local Safeguarding Children Board's policies and procedures and any obligations that may ensue as a result of a child being made subject to a Child Protection Plan.